

# THE CITY CONNECTION



Winter 2021

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## 2021 Election Results

### *Council's Office*

November 2<sup>nd</sup> North Canton Residents went to the polls to elected City officials for the 2022 through 2024 term. The results are in, and your elected City leaders will be:

Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor

Daryl L. Revoldt, Matthew Stroia, and Christina Weyrick,  
Council At Large

Robert "Jamie" McCleaster, Ward 1 Council

David Metheny, Ward 2 Council

Stephanie Werren, Ward 3 Council

John Orr, Ward 4 Council

### **Also on the ballot:**

Robert P. Roden, Jessica Stroia, and Andrea Ziarko were re-elected to the North Canton City School District Board of Education.

North Canton voters also approved both the Fire and EMS property tax levies which will run for 5 years (2023-2027).

## You're invited!

All Elected Officials are being  
sworn in on Wednesday  
December 1, 2021, at 5:00  
P.M. at the North Canton Civic  
Center!



## **Kmart Deal**

### *Administration*

On October 17, 2021, the City of North Canton announced that letters of intent had been received for parts of the former Kmart property and surrounding lands to Meijer and two other businesses, Biggby Coffee Shop and Sgt. Clean Car Care. It is anticipated that these three businesses could create approximately 330 jobs, resulting in an estimated \$5 million in new payroll subject to the City's income tax. In addition, these businesses will bring needed revenue to the North Canton City School District through property taxes on the anticipated \$40 million in capital investment to be put into the properties. No tax incentives or abatements were offered as part of the deal.

The City of North Canton acquired the Kmart property and two additional parcels, totaling thirty acres, in 2020 through a land bank program created in 2019. If all terms and conditions are agreed to and a definitive purchase agreement is executed the City could sell eighteen of the thirty acres to the three businesses listed above at a price of \$4.5 million, netting a \$2.255 million dollar gain for this portion of the property. The City still retains twelve additional acres available for sale. The City will use proceeds to pay off the loans taken out by the City for the acquisition of the property and will be investing the remainder into the North Canton Community Investment Corporation (NCCIC) for future development projects elsewhere in the City.

There is currently no timeline set for the construction and opening of these businesses.

# meijer



"There are many details to be finalized with these and other potential businesses located on or near the Kmart grounds including site design and construction timelines. We are very excited for the prosperity of this property actively contributing to the City's growth and financial success."

- Patrick DeOrio, Director of Administration



## New Year, New Water Rates

### *Utility Billing Department*

Every five years the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires the City to do a water rate study of the rates, revenue, and assets of the City Water Department. As a result of the study, and in order to comply with EPA mandates, the City passed Ordinance 23-2021 which raises water rates 5% annually for the next three years. The new rate structure is necessary to ensure continued operation of the Water Treatment Plant and to provide safe drinking water to the community for years to come.

The new rates will go into effect January 1, 2022.



## Council's Corner

### *2022 Budget Highlights*

City Council, the Director of Finance, the Director of Administration, and the Mayor have been hard at work on developing the budget for the 2022 fiscal year.

There are many new and exciting plans being developed and purchases to be made during the 2022 calendar year. The budget includes three new police cruisers and a new ambulance, resurfacing and leveling for the Witwer Park Ballfield and annual street paving.

Perhaps the most exciting inclusion in the budget is an improved splashpad and pool house at Dogwood Pool! Both the pool house and splashpad renovations are contingent upon a capital grant award from the State of Ohio applied for by the City. The splashpad was highly requested by the North Canton Community Survey distributed earlier this year as a place for families to enjoy. You asked and we heard, and we are excited to announce that we will be planning and designing the layout of the splashpad very soon! The City is hoping to have the splashpad ready to be used by Summer of 2023!

**For more information on  
what's happening at  
City Council check out  
[Council's webpage!](#)**

The last City  
Council meeting  
of the current  
term is on  
November 15th,  
2021!

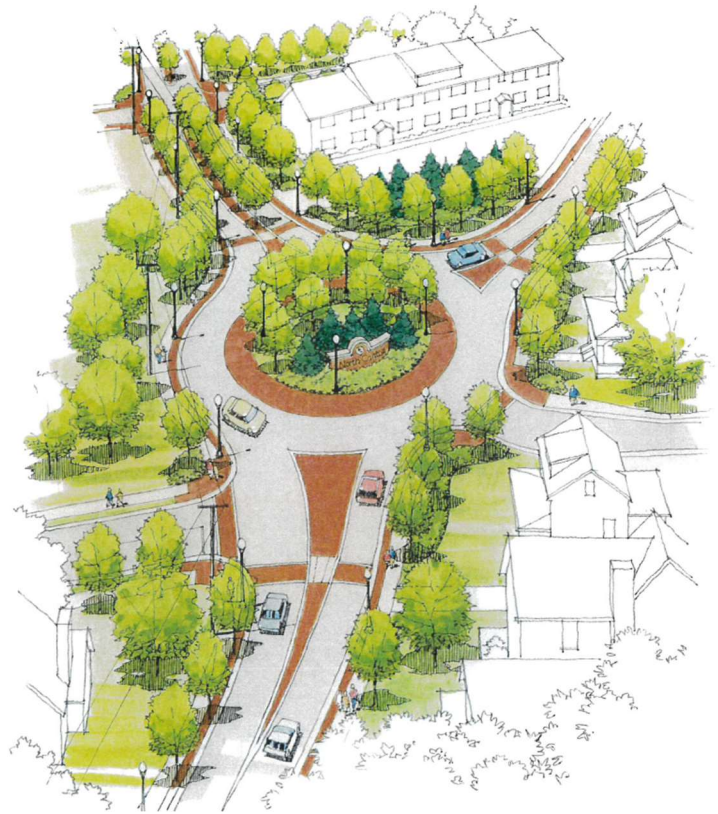
The budget for the 2022 fiscal year also features the appropriation of funds for street and curb repairs and improvements, waterline replacements, new maintenance vehicles, additional City personnel, the improvement of the Charlotte St. Corridor, and much more!

The Charlotte St. Corridor project, partially pictured to the right, will include a modern roundabout at the 5-way Portage Street intersection with multiple turn lane additions to accommodate the additional traffic generated by the new Diebold-Nixdorf expansion and North Canton City School's elementary school building.

The City is hoping to have the Charlotte St. Improvement Project complete before the Fall of 2023!

To explore the city's budget yourself go to our [Budget Web Portal](#).

The final reading of the budget is scheduled for November 15, 2021.



*Artist Rendering of Potential Portage/Charlotte Roundabout*

## Community Engagement Team

*Sgt. Matthew Buzzard*

The North Canton Police Department has recently created a Community Engagement Team (CET). The CET will take an active approach to community engagement by getting officers out of their cruisers or off their bikes and making personal contact with residents and local business owners. The program takes a directed approach to engaging the community in a non-enforcement manner. This program not only benefits the citizens of North Canton but also has a positive effect on those officers who enjoy community policing versus the traditional policing model.

The team will be reimplementing Coffee with a Cop, a program that brings police officers and the community members they serve together over coffee, to discuss issues and learn more about each other. CET will also handle departmental tours, visit neighborhood block parties, initiate "stop and talks" at all local parks to include cruiser tours for the kids, and create a business contact initiative. We have also worked with a local print shop and created door hangers for new residents. The hangers have our contact information as well as a list of common city ordinances such as the overnight parking ordinance and directs them to our city website for additional resources.



*Chief Kemp at Winterfest 2020*



## Winterfest 2021

### *Annual Holiday Celebration*

On Saturday December 4, 2021, the North Canton Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual Winterfest celebration from 4 to 7:30 P.M. There will be food trucks and retail vendors, as well as music, train rides, and costumed characters. Santa Claus will also be in attendance! Santa's mailbox will be in front of City Hall for all to send their Christmas wishes to the North Pole. The evening will finish off with the annual lighting of the North Canton Christmas Tree.

Anyone wishing to donate time or funds is encouraged to contact the North Canton Chamber of Commerce. Any assistance is appreciated!

Main St. will be closed from Charlotte St. to Harmon St. starting at 2 P.M. December 4<sup>th</sup> for the duration of Winterfest.



North Canton Chamber of  
Commerce, 121 S. Main St.  
North Canton, OH  
[NorthCantonChamber.org](http://NorthCantonChamber.org)



## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 17 Trivia Night at the Howlin Bird from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M., sponsored by the Library.
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving 🦃
- Dec. 1 Organizational Meeting of City Council at the North Canton Civic Center at 5:00 P.M. The Mayor and New Council will be sworn in.
- Dec. 4 Winterfest 2021 sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the Library, and the City.
- Dec. 15 Trivia Night at the Howlin Bird from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M., sponsored by the Library.
- Dec. 17 Last Day of School Before Winter Break
- Dec. 25 Christmas 🎄
- Jan. 1 New Year's Day
- Jan. 3 First Day of Back to School After Winter Break



North Canton City Hall

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**PUBLIC MEETINGS:**

**City Council: Mondays @ 7:00 PM (excluding holidays and break)**

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